

# Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to sponsor 12 special events during August 2018

(DOVER, Del.—July 18, 2018)—During the month of August 2018, the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will be sponsoring 12 special programs at sites across the state. A full schedule is included below. Except where noted, all programs are free and open to the public.



Buena Vista will present a free, outdoor screening of "Jumanji" on Aug. 4, 2018.

**Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs special events, August 2018**

**Thursdays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2018**

**["Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak."](#)** Special tour explores the history, artifacts and surviving hull section

of this 18th-century shipwreck. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 9 a.m. Limited seating. Admission \$10 (cash or check only). For reservations, e-mail [hca\\_zmevents@delaware.gov](mailto:hca_zmevents@delaware.gov) or call 302-645-1148.

**Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018**

**Third annual "Movie Night on the Lawn."** Screening of "[Jumanji](#)" provided by [Ultimate Outdoor Movies](#) plus the [Professor Looney Photo Booth](#), live music, lawn games and food trucks from [Out of The Ordinary Catering](#), [Kona Ice](#) and the [Sweetest Rose Cupcake Company](#). Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and bug spray. [Buena Vista: A Delaware Country Estate](#), 661 S. Dupont Highway (Route 13), New Castle. Activities begin at 6 p.m. Film begins at 8:30 p.m. 302-323-4430.

**Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018**

**"Medicine Through the Wars: The Evolution of American Wartime Medicine."** Lecture examines the progress made in military medical practices, and the role Delawareans played in that progress from the American Revolution through World War II. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Lecture at 11 a.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-744-5054.

**Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018**

**"Sound, Stage, and Screen."** Program examines the careers of two American musical pioneers of the early-20th century—George M. Cohan and Irving Berlin—and shows how they shaped the Broadway stage and Hollywood movies for more than 50 years. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. Program at 1:30 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3262.

**Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018**

**"[Straws](#)."** Screening of the documentary "Straws" by Linda

Booker which explores plastic straw litter, its impacts and how communities are making a sea change on plastic waste. Free reusable straws and bags for participants until supplies run out. Co-sponsored by [Plastic Free Delaware](#) and New Castle Green: Net Zero Waste. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. 7 p.m. 302-323-4453.



The New Castle Court House Museum will present a free screening of the documentary "Straws" on Aug. 9, 2018.

### **Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018**

**Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild.** Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

### **Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018**

**"The Empty Glass: Sherlock Holmes Comes to Dover."** Theatrical performance in which Sherlock Holmes, having solved every case in Victorian London, embarks on a journey to America. Arriving in Dover, he and his trusted colleague Dr. Watson attempt to solve the grisly murder case of "The Empty Glass." Based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and an actual Dover court case. Presented in coordination with [Dover Comic Con](#). [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Programs at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but visitors are encouraged to arrive early to ensure seating. 302-744-5054.



**Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018**

**"Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak."** Special tour explores the history, artifacts and surviving hull section of this 18th-century shipwreck. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 5 p.m. Limited seating. Admission \$10 (cash or check only). For reservations, e-mail [hca\\_zmevents@delaware.gov](mailto:hca_zmevents@delaware.gov) or call 302-645-1148.

### **Exhibits and displays, August 2018**

In addition to special programming, the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is sponsoring the following exhibits and displays. Admission is free and open to the public:

#### **Ongoing**

**"Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport."** Exhibit explores the history of rail travel and transport in the First State emphasizing the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad (1832), the Delaware Railroad (1852), the Junction and Breakwater Railroad (1857) and the Queen Anne's Railroad (1896). [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.



Postcard depicting the Lewes, Del. railroad station. From the exhibit "Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport"

### Ongoing

["Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I."](#) Online exhibit revolves around 27 World War I posters from the collections of the State of Delaware.

### Ongoing

["Five Stories."](#) Display explores the varied lives of people who lived on the plantation including Dickinson family members, tenant farmers, tradesmen, free blacks, indentured servants and enslaved individuals. [John Dickinson Plantation](#) Welcome Center, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Oct. 1–March 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Sept. 30: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.



Panel from "Five Stories"

### Ongoing

**["Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania."](#)** Online exhibit explores the life of Founding Father John Dickinson on the 250th anniversary of the publication of his essays that described Colonial American grievances with the British government.

### Ongoing

**["New Castle: Three Forts, One Community."](#)** Exhibit examines the 17th-century struggle for control of New Castle by the Dutch, Swedes and English, and the strongholds that they built to maintain their power. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

### Ongoing

**["The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016."](#)** Display explores preservation work that has been conducted since Delaware's first permanent capitol building in Dover was restored to its original appearance in 1976. From the collections of the State of Delaware. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Mon.–Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

### Ongoing

**["Rose Color to Gold to Glowing Red: Orville and Ethel Peets in Paris 1913-1914."](#)** Exhibit featuring paintings and painting materials used by the noted Delaware artists

Orville Houghton Peets and Ethel Canby Peets. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

### **Ongoing**

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#). Display of works by the noted Wilmington artist featuring historical and political figures including a Minute Man, and presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

### **Ongoing**

[“A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World.”](#) Exhibit utilizes artifacts recovered from His Majesty’s Sloop of War DeBraak, a British warship that sank off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798, to tell the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the Atlantic World of the late 18th century. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

### **Ongoing**

[“Simple Machines.”](#) Exhibit demonstrating the six “simple machines”—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel—that constitute the elementary building blocks of which many more-complicated machines are composed. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Oct. 1–March 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Sept. 30: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the five museums of the State of Delaware—the John Dickinson Plantation, the Johnson Victrola Museum, the New Castle Court House Museum, The Old State House and the



Zwaanendael Museum—tell the story of the First State's contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Through tours, exhibits, school programs and hands-on activities, the museums shine a spotlight on Delaware's unique history and the diverse people who came to live there. The museums are accredited by the [American Alliance of Museums](#). The New Castle Court House Museum and the John Dickinson Plantation are partner sites of the [First State National Historical Park](#). The Old State House is located on the Dover Green, another partner site of the park. Go to the following for a [comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events](#).

*The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is an agency of the State of Delaware. The division enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality and providing educational programs and assistance to the general public on Delaware history and heritage. The division's diverse array of services includes operation of five museums which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, administration of the State Historic Preservation Office, conservation of the state's archaeological and historic-objects collections, operation of a conference center and management of historic properties across the state. Primary funding for division programs and services is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, a federal agency. However, the contents and opinions expressed in the division's programs and services do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Department of the Interior.*





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